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MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

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In my memorandum of 23 April 1971, I informed you that I had taken certain actions with respect to providing guidance in the field of protection of classified intelligence information, including that bearing on intelligence sources and methods, in response to your memorandum of 21 December 1970. I noted that I had issued detailed guidelines on this subject through the United States Intelligence Board, and that these had been concurred in by all the addressees of your December 21st memorandum.

Each member of the USIB has now reported to me on his implementing actions. These actions include strengthening existing controls on classified material, reviewing indoctrination procedures, reducing the number of clearances, and similar constructive measures. Special attention has been given to establishing procedures whereby the appropriate intelligence chief is consulted whenever it is proposed to issue public statements which may reveal sensitive intelligence information. In these cases, the intelligence chief is expected to assess the risks involved and to devise methods to protect the source of such information.

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(Signed) Richard Helms Director

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